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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

With the completion of the construction of the new South Wing of the Beth Israel Hospital comes the new and much larger job of staffing and operating the building. This magnificent new structure, furnished with the latest type of equipment, is in reality wholly dependent on the men and women working within its walls to make it a successful community agency serving the health needs of all who come for care.

It is difficult, perhaps, for some of our employees--many of them new members of the Beth Israel family--to realize how important their work is to each and every patient. The man or woman working in the Laundry or in the Housekeeping Department is contributing in his own way just as much to patient care as is the nurse on the floor. Without the help and cooperation of all, it would be utterly impossible to operate such a large institution.

The addition to the hospital brings with it a new type of service. Our new Obstetrical Department gives added responsibility to all. The hospital has made every effort to assure the success of this new department, and it is hoped that our employees, in turn, will feel a certain personal responsibility to see that the safeguards set up for the mother and baby are carefully observed.

My personal greeting is extended to the many new people who have joined our ranks in the last few months, and I wish to take this opportunity of extending my most sincere thanks to all our faithful employees who have served the hospital so well during a very difficult time. *C.F. Wilinsky, M.D.*

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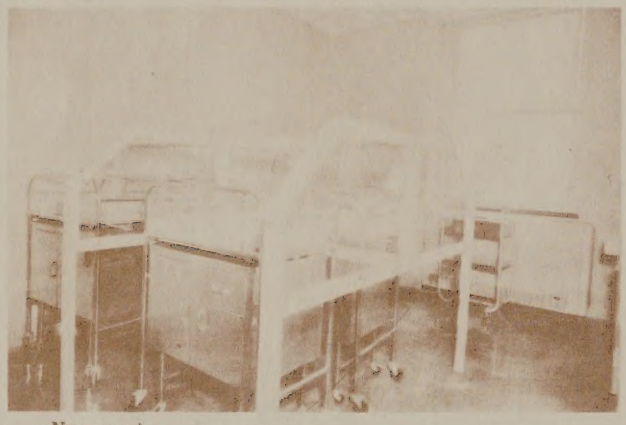
NEW OBSTETRICAL FACILITIES

One of our five modern delivery rooms.

Gay (and washable) wall paper brightens patients rooms in the south wing.



Nurseries provide the latest modes of infant protection.

Infant formulas are carefully weighed and sterilized.

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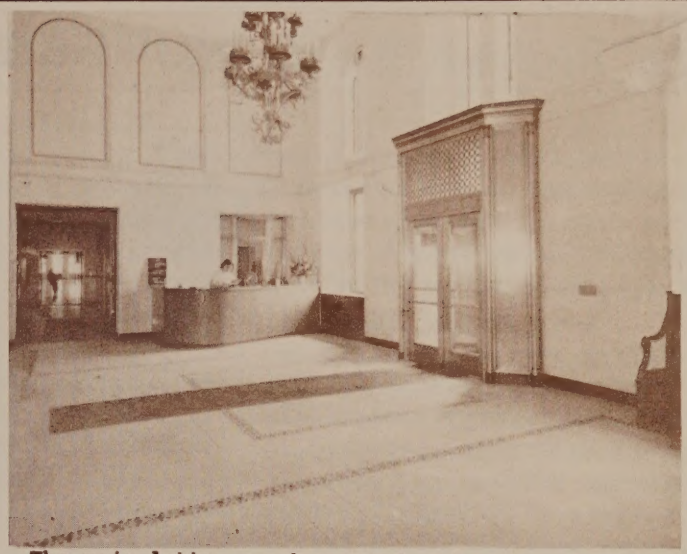
A family leaves the maternity unit with its latest addition.

The employees dining rooms on the second floor provide a sunny background for meals.



The main lobby, re-decorated and enlarged, is again in use.

Central supply is a completely new unit at the Beth Israel.

The main kitchen is a gleaming example of modern facilities for food preparation.

Our new pharmacy dispenses medicines for the entire hospital.

The Record Shows

Spring came in with a burst of engagements at the hospital. Future orange blossoms are in order for: *Selma Medoff*, Record Room, and *Edward Bookman* of Quincy; *Myrle Sawyer*, Dietitian, and *Robert Andrew* of Wrentham; *Eva Harcovitz*, Dietitian, and *Robert Kanchuga* of Greenwood; *Barbara Fagan*, Personnel Office, and *Theodore Baratt* of Springfield---*Dorothy Friedman*, contact dietitian, acquired a gold tassle when she received her Master's degree in nutrition from Columbia University in February---The B. I. Stork, on his round of visits to 8 south, in April delivered a 6 pound, 8 ounce boy, *Nelson Ogden Jr.*, to *Mr.* and *Mrs. Nelson Lindley*. Congratulations!---'The Record' welcomes *Miss Priscilla Belcher*, new Personnel Director, who came to us in March. *Miss Belcher*, a native of Massachusetts, spent two years with the American Red Cross in Germany during the war---Housewarming hints may be addressed to *Vincent Godlesky*, our Purchasing Agent, at his new home in Wellesley Hills and to *Bill Janek*, our chef, at his recently acquired Needham home---'The Record' extends congratulations to *Mrs. Lillian Reiner* upon her election to the presidency of the Massachusetts Dietetic Association---Friends of *Leah Seltzer*, former O.P.D. secretary, will be pleased to know of the arrival of a 7 pound, 1 ounce boy, *Jay Gordon*, in the BIH maternity unit---The hospital was well represented at the Boston Jubilee baked bean supper in May ---*Cathy Cronin*, O.P.D. secretary, exhibited her dancing ability recently at the 'Friary Frolics', a minstrel show sponsored by the Franciscan Monastery of Brookline.

NURSES NOTES

Graduation ceremonies at the Temple Israel Meeting House in May saw fifteen students receive their diplomas. As in previous years, several awards were given: *Adele Colchy* received the Kaufman Medal for excellence in theory and bedside nursing, *Sarah Jean Jacobson*, was given the Levins Award for sympathetic nursing, and the Claire Sonis award given by the Beth Israel Nurses Alumnae for the typical Beth Israel nurse went to *Lillian Feldman*. The Women's Auxiliary presented the Ernestine Prager Award to *Esther Druker* of the junior class for kindly bedside nursing.

The opening of the South Wing units has brought us several additions to our staff. *Miss Adeline Bourne* is the new Clinical Instructor, *Miss Helen Kumpan*, the assistant Nursing Arts Instructor, and *Miss Dorothy MacIntosh* is the Nursery Supervisor. *Miss Alice Barron* and *Miss Barbara MacPherson* are the evening and night supervisors on Obstetrics. *Miss Sarah Cohen, Miss Minnie Pributsky* and *Miss Estelle Sugarman* are the new evening and night supervisors of the whole building. *Mrs. Eleanor Weizel* is the new head nurse on 4B.

Miss Rae Cohen of the Blood Bank has announced her engagement to *Mr. Jordan Silin* of Brookline, and will be married in June. *Miss Deborah Freedman*, a member of the class of 1951, has announced her engagement to *Mr. William Karlin*.

The new addition to the Nurses Home is fast growing and we are looking forward to the day when we will be in occupancy.

Miss Thelma Raphael attended the American Nurse's Convention in San Francisco, as a delegate from the Beth Israel Nurses Alumnae Association. *Mrs. Eliza Brillard* attended the Catholic Nurses' Convention in Los Angeles and then went on to San Francisco.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Volunteer Service gave a helping hand when the new South wing opened and already committees have been established to continue its services, whenever and wherever needed.

Acting as guides when the Women's Auxiliary luncheon and tour preceded the formal opening were many of the Gray Ladies, who acted well in their capacity as 'Cook's Tour Guides'. The Surgical Dressings group have been working industriously, as well as some of the Teen Agers, in making supplies for Central Supply. Some of the Red Cross Nurses Aides have been recalled and this group plus the Gray Ladies are working on the maternity floors. Two of the volunteers are assisting Dr. Rosenfield's secretary. Even the Male Volunteers have had a hand in it all. One of the members is doing 'Visitor's duty' on Sundays on the maternity floor, helping to check visitors in and out.

There have been volunteers working in the departments whose offices are now housed in the South wing. Pharmacy, storeroom, the dietary department, social service, women's auxiliary, psychiatry have all called upon Volunteer Service for assistance, as well as the administrative offices.

The Coffee Shop, manned by volunteers of the Women's Auxiliary during week days, includes members of the business girls' group and members of the younger set who serve as waitresses and cashiers on Saturdays.

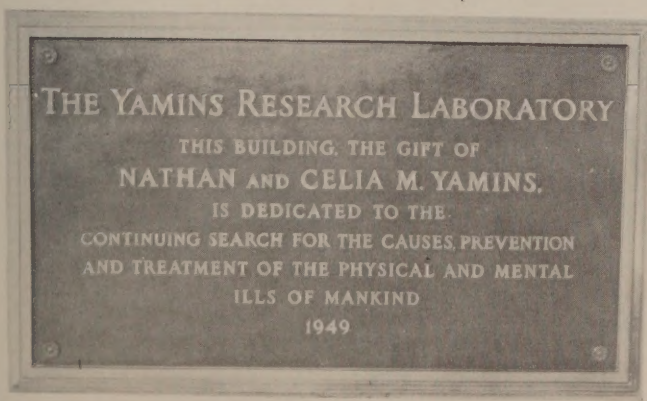
There is a new group of evening Gray Ladies recently trained which will augment those already serving, both day and evening.

A Volunteer Party was held in May in tribute to the faithful service of the Volunteer Corps.

These groups plus the many others are always ready to assist. Just call VOLUNTEER SERVICE!

RESEARCH FACILITIES EXPAND

Dedication ceremonies on June fourth culminated the completion of the Yamins building, a three story structure housing office space, classrooms and other facilities as well as laboratories. The ceremonies, held on the grounds, included an invocation by *Rabbi Kazis* and a response by *Mr. Nathan Yamins*, the donor. The addresses by members of the hospital staff and other speakers highlighted the afternoon services. A tour of the building, followed by tea in the cafeteria of the main hospital completed the program.



A bronze plaque, placed in the lobby of the Yamins Laboratory, will be a permanent reminder of the ideals to which the building is dedicated.

The completion of the Nathan Yamins Research Laboratory has given us additional laboratory and **clinical facilities** for better teaching and greater research activities by our professional and technical staff.

With the benefit of better equipment, adequate space for physiologic and chemical laboratories, the surgical and medical staffs have been able to increase their program of research investigation in histo-chemistry of cancer, antibiotic theory, radio-active isotopes, and other research programs now under way.

Classrooms, seminar and conference rooms, library and reading facilities have been opened on the first and second floors of Yamins to cope with the heavy schedule of undergraduate teaching of Harvard and Tufts students. In the new clinical conference rooms, more patients can be studied without the inconvenience which was so pronounced in the old medical and surgical quarters.

The Nathan Yamins Research Laboratory is a step forward in making the Beth Israel Hospital a leader in the field of research.

A test is run in one of the new research laboratories.

Women's Auxiliary News

SOUTH WING OPEN HOUSE

The South Wing was ready to open its doors just in time to set the scene for the 1950 Women's Auxiliary luncheon. With the wholehearted cooperation of the entire hospital staff, the annual function, usually held in one of the downtown hotels, this year took the form of an open house at the hospital.

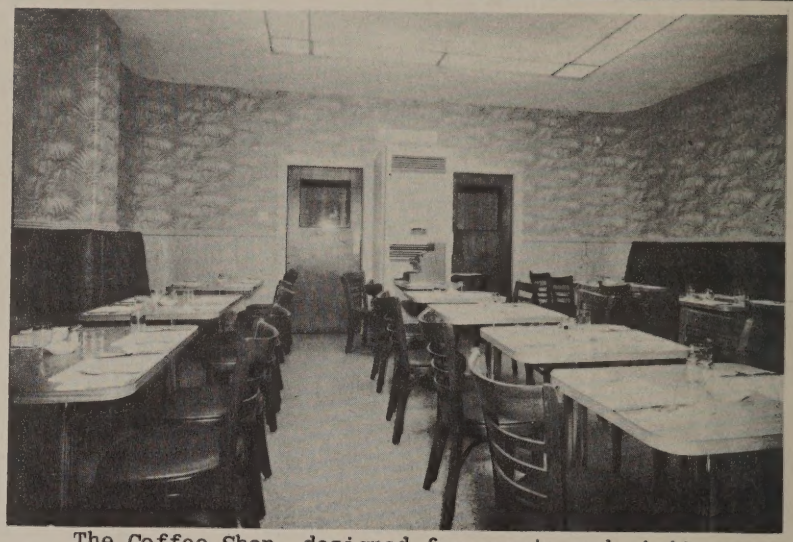
For one week, 400 women each day met for a tour of the new wing and had luncheon served to them in the new cafeteria. The guests viewed the latest types of room furnishings as well as equipment for the labor, delivery, and operating suites.

The daily tours, routed through all eight floors of the wing, took in such points of interest as nurseries and formula rooms on the maternity floors and the new kitchen in the service unit.

The open house provided an excellent opportunity for those who had contributed to the hospital to see for themselves the building that they had helped to make possible. Surely those who had taken part in the building of the hospital and its dedication twenty-two years ago experienced a great thrill.

The hopes of the Auxiliary members who dreamed of a maternity unit years ago are now realized in the three full floors of obstetrical facilities.

The unique celebration of the 1950 luncheon was a satisfying culmination of the years of past labor on the part of the Auxiliary. Now again the members look ahead. Future years will see increasing service to the health and welfare of the community being offered by the Beth Israel - the hospital which we helped to build.



The Coffee Shop, designed for guests and visitors to the hospital, has done a rushing business since its opening in February. Its air-conditioned atmosphere and red leather seats invite relaxation. The excellent food, of course, is the real secret of its success. Here, the art of 'building' a salad or preparing a sandwich is practised to perfection.

Now open from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m., the Coffee Shop is able to serve evening visitors as well as day visitors. the staff invites all guests.

Our new Gift Shop has opened its doors to show you a magic fairyland of gifts. It is bright, gay and tempting in its display. We hope you will want to buy all your gifts here, and we make a special effort to have everything you want. Prices are the same as you would pay at any store, but our shopkeepers get riches in devoted service. The profits go to the hospital.

Our gifts for babies, our new lines of costume jewelry, and other gifts are really lovely. Come in to see us first and you will save yourself much time and effort.